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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF

Maryland;

CONVENED AT CLEARSPRING, Md.

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CLEARSPRING, Md., October 21, 1834.

The clerical and lay members of the Synod of Maryland assembled in this place on Saturday the 19th of October, pursuant to a resolution of the Synod of 1834 held at Martinsburg, Va., and in the evening attended divine service, on which occasion a discourse was delivered by the Rev. B. Kurtz, from Ezek. xxxiii. 2, "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

Exercises of the Lord's Day.

At ten o'clock in the morning, the President, the Rev. Mr. Wachter, preached to a very large congregation, from John xiv. 15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The service, preparatory to the holy communion, was then performed by the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Winter, which was administered to the clergy by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz and the Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, followed by an address to the clergy by Dr. Kurtz. The Rev. Mr. A. Reck then addressed the congregation and gave a general invitation to the sacrament. A very large number accepted, and the brethren relieved each other in the administration.

In the afternoon, at half past 2 o'clock, Dr. Kurtz delivered a German discourse, from Sirach xviii. 21, 24, "Humble thyself before thou be sick; and in the time of sins shew repentance. Let nothing hinder thee to pay thy vow in due time, and defer not until death to be justified. Before thou prayest, prepare thyself, and be not as one that tempteth the Lord. Think upon the wrath that shall be at the end and the time of vengeance, when he shall turn away his face."

At the same hour the Rev. J. Medtart preached in the Protestant Methodist Church, from Ps. i. 5, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."

At night the Rev. J. G. Morris preached from Ephes. iv., part of 19th verse, "Being past feeling."

All the services were attended by large and deeply-attentive audiences, and were experienced to be profitable by many pious servants of the Lord.

MONDAY Morning, Oct. 21st.

The members of the Synod assembled in the Church at 8 o'clock, and the meeting was opened by singing a hymn, and offering a prayer, conducted by the President, the Rev. Mr. Wachter.

The following is a list of the present members of this body:

I. Rev. D. Kurtz, Baltimore.
II. Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, Fredericktown.
III. Rev. A. Reck, Middletown.
IV. Rev. B. Kurtz, Baltimore.
V. Rev. J. Kehler, Cumberland.
VI. Rev. M. Wachter, Fredericktown.
VII. Rev. J. Winter, Clear Spring.
VIII. Rev. S. K. Hoshour, (Without a charge.)
IX. Rev. J. G. Morris, Baltimore.
X. Rev. J. Albert, Manchester.
XI. Rev. J. Reck, Greencastle, Pa.
XII. Rev. L. Eichelberger, Winchester, Va.
XIII. Rev. H. Haverstick, [in Europe.]
XIV. Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, (called to Hagerstown.)
XV. Rev. S. Finckle, (admit. this sess.) Taneytown.
XVI. Rev. J. P. Kline, do. Smithsburg.
XVII. Rev. D. Hauer, do. Loudon, Va.
XVIII Rev. P. Rizer, Missionary.
XIX. Rev. N. W. Goertner, (adm. this ses.) Winchest'r Va.
XX. Rev. S. Harkey, do. Williamsport.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Jacob Little, Fredericktown.
Mr. Samuel Harbaugh, Middletown.

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Mr. John Miller, Cumberland.
Mr. Jacob Birely, Woodsboro'.
Doctor J. B. McKee, Clear Spring.
Mr. John Schaeffer, Martinsburg, Va.
Mr. David Martin, Baltimore.
Mr. Michael Scholl, Jr., Manchester.
Mr. Matthias Walter, Greencastle, Pa.
Mr. Abraham Lichtenwalter, Taneytown.
Mr. John Etnyer, Smithsburg.

(The Rev. Messrs. Hoshour, Haverstick, and C. F. Schaeffer were absent. The former at present without a charge, the second in Europe, and the last having not yet removed his family within our bounds, so that the present Synod was more fully attended than any since its formation in 1820.)

The President now read his report, for which see appendix. It was accepted by the Synod, upon which an election was held for officers, when the following persons were chosen:

Rev. M. Wachter, President.

Rev. J. G. Morris, Secretary.

Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, Treasurer.

The certificate of the honorable dismission of the Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, from the Synod of West Pennsylvania, was now read, and by a unanimous vote he was admitted a member of this body.

The Rev. Messrs. J. P. Cline, and D. Hauer, late of the Synod of Virginia, the Rev. Mr. S. Finckle, late of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, and the Rev. N. W. Goertner, late of the Hartwick Synod of New York, were all, upon application, also unanimously admitted as members.

The Rev. J. Oswald appeared and was recognized as a delegate from the Synod of West Pennsylvania to this body. He was cordially received, and the usual privileges were extended to him.

The Rev. Messrs. J.Harpel, and J.Harpel of the Synod of E. Pennsylvania, and Rev. Mr. Scriba, of West Pennsylvania Synod, were admitted as advisory members, and much satisfaction was expressed at seeing these brethren in our midst.

The Rev. Mr. Bragonier, of the German Reformed Church, and the Rev. Mr. Reed, of the Methodist Church, were admitted as advisory members.

Mr. Watkins James was recognized as a Commissioner from the Bakersville Church.

The Synod was thus constituted of twenty three clerical, and twelve lay members.

The President called on the members for the presentation of papers to be referred to the Synod. Several documents were laid upon the table, when the following committees were appointed:

No, 1. On the President's Report, Rev. Dr. Kurtz, Rev. Mr. D. F. Schaeffer, J. Little.

No. 2. Rev. B. Kurtz, Rev. A. Reck, and D. Martin.

No. 3. Rev. J. Kehler, Rev. J. Winter, and S. Harbaugh.

The members were then called on for their parochial reports, which are as follows·

	Cong.	Bapt.	Conf.	Com.	Deaths.	Schools.
Dr Kurtz		30			23	
D F Schaeffer	2	296in 9ad	68	871	89	2
A Reck	4	98	70	465	29	5
B Kurtz	Editor of the Lutheran Observer.					"
J Kehler	6	50	26	350	20	2
M Wachter	5	117in 8ad	29	455	35	1
J Winter	1	47	20	100	13	1
J Medtart	2	29	20	190	11	2
S K Hoshour	No Report.					
J G Morris	1	41	22	151	22	1
J Albert	6	161	41	607	53	1
J Reck	2	92	65	280	23	1
L Eichelberg'r	2	15	9	80	5	1
H Haverstick	In Europe.					
C F. Schaeffer						
S Finckle	3	50	69	630	15	2
J P Cline	5	117	39	468	37	3
D Hauer	2	98	50	344	24	1
P Rizer		20				
N W Goertner	1	10	2	85	4	1
	42	2271inf 17ad	530	5075	404	24

(All the churches were reported except those of the Hagerstown, Bakersville, and Williamsport Districts, which, if reported, would increase the number of communicants to 6,500 at least. In comparing the reports of the past, with those of the preceding year, the increase in congregations is 9; confirmations 94; communicants 1475; baptisms 304; schools 6.)

The Rev. J. Albert and Mr. J. Birely were appointed to examine and report on the Treasurer's Account.

Mr. S. Harkey, and Mr. Merz, applied for license.

Rev. Messrs. B. Kurtz and Schaeffer were appointed to examine Mr. Merz's testimonials.

The Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., and was closed with prayer, by the Rev. G. Koehler. Divine service was performed immedi-

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ately after adjournment, on which occasion the Rev. J. Oswald preached from Coll. i. 14: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Monday Afternoon—2 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer, by the Rev. L. Eichelberger. The committee, to whom was referred the President's Address, reported as follows:

The Committee on the President's Address beg leave to report and suggest as follows, viz:

1. The President announces the decease of the Rev. F. Haas, formerly a member of this body, and recommends that some assistance be allowed his widow. The committee suggest, that, as the funds of the Synod are extremely low, and as other applications for similar purposes will be made, it would be inexpedient to establish a precedent at this time.
2. The churches of the Boonsboro' distr't are declared vacant by the President, but the committee feel pleasure in stating that there is great probability of those churches being furnished with a pastor in a short time.
3. The President recommends, as the former President found it his duty to do, that a Missionary be appointed for Maryland. The committee approve of this recommendation, and they suggest that a Missionary, who can officiate in both languages, be appointed to labor in such districts within the bounds of this Synod, where we have no organized churches.
4. In recommending to our people the Lutheran Observer, and Lutheran Preacher, the committee can only say, that nothing, in their opinion, would be more mortifying, than that so large a communion as our church should not liberally support both publications.
5. The President has referred to the profitable result of special conferences, and recommends that they be continued. The committee heartily accords with him, and hopes that the brethren will remember that the constitution renders the holding of such conferences obligatory on them.
6. Although it may not be within the province of your committee to touch any subject not noticed by the President; yet, deeply concerned for the order of the Synod, it is deemed expedient to recommend that the present mode of electing the officers, by a majority of votes, be changed to that of former years, when a plurality prevailed.

D. KURTZ,
D. F. SCHAEFFER,
J. LITTLE,
} Committee.

This report was accepted, and the various suggestions were discussed. The following was the result:

1. The state of the Treasury would not justify any donations to widows of clergymen.
2. The officers were appointed a committee to procure a suitable Missionary.
3. For resolutions respecting the Lutheran Observer, and Lutheran Preacher, see below.
4. The clause of the Constitution, chapter ix., section 2, requiring a majority of votes in elections, was not altered, as recommended by the committee.

The Reverend J. Reck, P. Rizer and J. Little, were appointed to examine and report on the printed minutes of last Synod.

The committee, to whom were referred papers marked No. 2, reported as follows:

The Papers, marked No. 2, are

1. A letter from the President of the Board of Directors of the Seminary at Gettysburg, soliciting contributions from this Synod in aid of the Seminary, and stating that the Secretary of the Board, now present, will make the necessary explanations on the subject.
2. A letter from the Synod of West Pennsylvania Synod, signed by the President and Secretary, lamenting the unhappy differences existing in the church at Greencastle, Pa., and requesting this Synod to co-operate with them in settling those differences, stating that they have appointed a committee with this view, consisting of the Reverend Messrs. Heyer and Heim, and Messrs. P. Berlin, of Chambersburg, and M. Nead, of St. Thomas, and requesting us to appoint a similar committee to meet theirs on the 12th of November next. The committee beg leave to propose that such a committee be appointed by this Synod, without any discussion on the subject of the difficulties existing in that church, and to nominate the Rev. Messrs. M. Wachter, and J. Winter, and Doctor J. B. McKee, of Clear Spring, and J. Kausler, of Hagerstown.

B. KURTZ,
A. RECK,
D. MARTIN, } Committee.

After the report was read, and the subject embraced within the first item was discussed, it was

Resolved, That we regret our inability to contribute any money, at present, in aid of the Theological Seminary, but cheerfully transfer to the Treasurer of that institution a note which this body holds against the Reverend John Brown.

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The gentlemen nominated by the committee to meet at Greencastle a similar committee from West Pennsylvania Synod were appointed, viz: Reverend Messrs. Wachter and J. Winter; Doctor J. B. McKee, and J. Kausler.

The committee to whom were referred Papers No. 3, reported, that the papers delivered to them consist of two letters, one from the Rev. J. N. Hoffman, of Chamsbersburg, Pa., in which he informs the Synod that he has removed within the bounds of West Pennsylvania Synod, and asks for a letter of dismission.

The other letter is from the Rev. Mr. Easter, General Agent of the Maryland State Bible Society, in which he solicits the co-operation of this body in the promotion of the Bible cause.

J. KEHLER,
J. WINTER,
S. HARBAUGH.

A letter of dismission was unanimously granted to the Rev. Mr. Hoffman. The letter of Mr. Easter was read to the Synod, upon which it was

Resolved, That we highly approve of the measure proposed by the Agent of the Bible Society, and heartily recommend the cause to our churches.

The Committee on the Treasury reported, That, during the past year, there were received, from various sources, into the Treasury, $143 12; of this sum, there were paid out, according to his vouchers, for different purposes, $122 77, leaving a balance, including an excess of 57 cents interest, of $20 92 in favor of the Synod.

J. ALBERT,
J. BIRELY, } Committee.

The report was accepted.

The subject of our religious periodical papers was now introduced, and after some conversation, it was

Resolved, That we regard the Lutheran Observer as an important vehicle of information to the religious public, and, especially, to the members of the Lutheran Church, and deserving the general support of our communion; that we highly approve of the judicious course pursued by its editor, the Rev. B. Kurtz, and cordially recommend it to the support of our church at large.

Resolved, That we continue to exert ourselves to promote its prosperity, by endeavoring to increase the number of its subscribers, and aiding the editor in collecting the monies due for subscription.

Resolved, That the Lutheran Preacher, published in Winchester, be as heretofore recommended to the support of our church.

Mr. James, the Commissioner from the Church at Bakersville, now rose and stated his case, upon which it was

Resolved, That this Synod consider it just and right that the Williamsport Church should refund the amount which the Bakersville Church contributed to the erection of the parsonage.

The brethren were now called on to report vacant churches within our bounds.

Reverend Mr. Medtart reported, That, in consequence of his contemplated removal to Philadelphia, in a few days, the churches at Martinsburg and Shepherdstown would be vacant.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Wachter, Rizer, Winter and Harpel visit them as often as convenient, until they procure the services of a pastor regularly.

The Rev. Mr. Koehler reported that there are five churches vacant in Allegany county, lately served by the Reverend Mr. Floto,

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be a committee to appoint a Missionary during the present year.

Mr. Harpel expressed his willingness to visit the section of country in the vicinity of Westminster and Uniontown, with a view to establish new churches. The brethren at present officiating in the organized churches in that district, cheerfully promised to aid him in his laudable enterprize, and, if necessary, to resign one or two of their respective congregations in his favor, so that a new district may at once be established.

After a long and animated discussion, it was

Resolved, That those brethren of other States, residing near the borders of our Synod, be permitted to continue united with this body, with the consent of the Synods within whose bounds they properly reside.‡

The Synod adjourned. Prayer by Reverend A. Reck.

This evening the Reverend Mr. Goertner preached from Numb. xxxv. 2: "Then ye shall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you, that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares."

Evening Session—8 o'clock.

After divine service the Synod was called to order. The committee appointed to examine Mr. Merz's testimonials, reported, That, he was highly recommended as a gentleman of moral worth and integrity, and, upon their motion, it was

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‡As the State of Maryland is comparatively small, and the Synod usually meets in some central place, it is much more convenient for the brethren alluded to in the resolution, to attend the Synod of Maryland. They asked permission to be united with us, and it was granted, with the proviso stated above.

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Resolved, That Mr. Merz's application to be examined for license be granted.

The examination of the two applicants was commenced, and after spending several hours in this work, the Synod

Adjourned.

Prayer, by the Reverend S. Finckle.

Tuesday Morning—8 1-2 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Kline.

The following report was read.

The committee appointed at the last Synod to examine the Constitution, and suggest such alterations as they may deem expedient, beg leave to state that they are not yet fully prepared to report, and ask permission to have it deferred until next Synod.

J. G. MORRIS,
D. F. SCHAEFFER.
F. SOWERS,
G. M. CONRADT.

The permission was granted.

The following sums were contributed to the Synodical Treasury:

David Martin, Baltimore,	$10	
Jacob Little, Fredericktown,	10	
S. Harbaugh, Middletown,	8	
J. Etnyer, Smithsburg,	12	
J. Schaeffer, Martinsburg and Shepherdstown,	10	
Rev. L. Eichelberger,	5	
J. Birely, Woodsboro,	10	
J. Miller, Cumberland,	7	16
M. Walter, Greencastle,	5	
A. Lichtenwalter, Taneytown,	13	76
M. Scholl, Manchester,	10	
	$100	92

Directors of the Seminary.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors of the Theological Seminary:—Reverend B. Kurtz, for 5 years, in the place of the Rever-

end D. F. Schaeffer, whose term of service had expired; Reverend J. Winter, for 3 years, in the place of Reverend J. Medtart, who is about to remove from our bounds.

Delegates to the General Synod.

Reverend Messrs. J. G. Morris and D. F. Schaeffer, clerical delegates; Messrs. W. G. Jones, of Baltimore, and G. M. Conradt, of Fredericktown, Lay Delegates. Their alternates are Reverend Messrs. B. Kuitz and A. Reck, and Messrs. D. Martin and J. Fiery.

Delegates to other Synods.

Reverend J. G. Morris was appointed Delegate to the Synod of West Pennsylvania; Reverend L. Eichelberger, to the Synod of Virginia; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, to the Synod of East Pennsylvania; Reverend N. W. Goertner, to the Synod of New York, and to the Hartwick Synod; Rev. J. Reck, to the German Reformed Synod; Reverend L. Eichelberger, to the Synod ot North Carolina.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the General Synod to consider the expediency of sending a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Mr. Reed, Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society, asked and obtained leave to address the Synod on the subject of his agency, whereupon it was

Resolved, That we highly approve of the views and operations of the Maryland Colonization Society, and cordially recommend its claims to all our ministers and churches.

The Synod then went into an election for the place and time of holding the next meeting, when Woodsboro, Md., was chosen as the place, and the third Sunday of October, 1835, the time.

Resolved, That the President and the Rev. D. F. Schaeffer be authorized to examine and license, *ad interim*, a youug man to labor in Baltimore, should it be deemed expedient.

The Synod adjourned. After which, at 11 o'clock, the Reverend D. F. Schaeffer preached from Prov. xiii. 9: "The light of the righteous rejoiceth, but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out."

Tuesday Afternoon—2 o'clock.

The Synod was opened with prayer. The Reverend Mr. Medtart informed the Synod of his intention to remove out of our bounds, and asked for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

Resolved, That 300 copies of our Minutes be printed, and that the usual number be sent to each member, and to the different Synods, by the Secretary.

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Resolved, That 75 dollars of the Synodical funds be appropriated to the Education Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare an abstract of these Minutes, for insertion in the Lutheran Observer.

The business of the Synod having now been transacted in uninterrupted fraternal harmony and love, it adjourned.

The Lay Delegates having been discharged, with the thanks of the President for their services, and his good wishes for their safe return home,

The Ministerium

immediately went into session.

The examination of the Candidates was resumed and finished. After they had withdrawn from the house it was

Resolved, That Mr. S. Harkey be publicly licensed this evening.

Resolved, That Mr. Merz be not licensed, but recommended to prosecute his studies another year, and advised to avail himself of the funds liberally offered him by the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

Messrs. N. W. Goertner and P. Rizer applied for ordination.

Resolved, That Mr. Goertner be ordained in his own church, by the Reverend Messrs. D. F. Schaeffer, A. Reck and J. G. Morris.

Resolved, That Mr. Rizer be ordained when he shall be located within the bounds of this Synod; and that the Reverend Messrs. B. Kurtz, A. Reck and D. F. Schaeffer ordain him.

Resolved, That 50 copies of the certificates of ordination be printed on parchment, and 100 copies of the certificates of license on paper, under the direction of the Reverend B. Kurtz.

The Ministerium now adjourned; and on bended knees returned thanks to the Great Head of the Church for his presence with us during our deliberations, and for the concord and peace that characterized our proceedings. May He bless them to the welfare of His Church and the salvation of souls. JOHN G. MORRIS, Secretary.

Immediately before the meeting of the Education Society, the Rev. Mr. Harkey was publicly licensed in the presence of a large congregation.

Education Society.

On Tuesday night the annual meeting of the Education Society was held. From the Treasurer's Report, it appears, that, during the past year, two young men, at the Seminary in Gettysburg, have been wholly supported, and the tuition of another paid. One hundred and eighty five dollars have been expended.

Messrs. B. Kurtz, Medtart, Schaeffer, Eichelberger and Morris addressed the house on this subject; after which a collection was taken up, and the following officers elected:

President, Rev. D. F. Schaeffer,
V. President, Rev. A. Reck,
Secretary, Rev. B. Kurtz,
Treasurer, Lewis Medtart.
Executive Committee :---J. G. Morris, B. Kurtz, D. F. Schaeffer, D. Martin, Tobias Nixdorff.

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Give to to our God the glory."

Another Synodical year has passed by, and we are permitted, by the goodness of God, to meet in health, and under circumstances that call loudly for the grateful acknowledgments of our hearts.

I said we had been permitted to meet together, but not all, one, at least, of our small number, since our last meeting, has been called from his labors to the land of immortality. I allude to the Reverend Frederick Haas, who died, some time last Spring, at Canton, Ohio. As he had been connected with the Synod of Maryland, and was still in connection at the time of his death, I would suggest the propriety of allowing his widow some assistance from our Synodical Treasury.

Some time in January last, Mr. George Herter presented himself before the Reverend D. F. Schaeffer, and myself, for examination. After we had examined him, on Church Government, rules of sermonizing, evidences of christianity, Natural and Revealed Theology, pastoral Theology, Church History, Sacred Geography, and the Greek Testament, we found that we could conscientiously grant him license, ad interim, and did so. It now becomes the duty of this Synod to confirm or annul this our act.

In February last I received a communication from the Reverend S. D. Finckle, stating that he had received and accepted a call from our churches, in and near Taneytown. The Reverend Mr. Finckle has taken charge of said churches, and, from unofficial information, I feel myself authorized to say that his labors among them have been attended with the blessing of God, and that he feels encouraged to continue his exertions for the salvation of the souls entrusted to his charge. In July, last, brother Finckle produced a certificate, under the signature of President Baker, of his honorable dismission from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania. Accordingly, he was admitted by me to membership in this Synod, and, I doubt not, will soon become one of our most efficient members.

It affords me pleasure to state that the church in Winchester is again supplied with the preached Gospel, by the Reverend N. W. Goertner, of

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New York, and so far as I could learn, his labors have been attended by the blessing of God.

But, I regret to add, that our churches at Boonsboro, Sharpsburg, Bakersville and Ringer's, are suffering for want of a pastor, and I would recommend that this Synod make some arrangement to preserve this station, or it will, in all probability, ere long be past resuscitation. The Reverend C. F. Schaeffer, of Carlisle, Pa., formerly a member of this Synod, has been elected, and accepted of a call as Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Hagerstown, in the place of the Reverend S. K. Hoshour, whom bad health has compelled to give up this important station. In the month of August I received a communication from the Reverend J. Medtart, stating that he had accepted a call from the second English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, (St. Matthew's) in Philadelphia, and that he intends to take charge of said congregation about the first of November. By this removal, Martinsburg, and the appendant churches, will become vacant.

From the Lutheran Observer I learn that the Reverend J. Winter resigned his charge at Williamsport and St. Paul's. And, through the same source, I am informed that the Reverend S. Harkey has taken charge of said congregations.

By a resolution of last Synod, the Reverend P. Rizer was appointed to missionate in the Southern and Western States. I accordingly furnished him with the necessary credentials and instructions. After travelling to South Carolina he was there engaged by the Synod of that State to labor under its appointment in the States of Georgia and Alabama. His Journal I have not seen, but as he is now in our midst, I hope it will be presented by him to this Synod. While all our sister churches are ardently engaged in extending their borders, should not this, and every Synod of our Church, which is emphatically the mother of protestantism, adopt some measure to increase the number of her ministers, who, influenced by the Spirit of God, and the zeal of our immortal Luther, would be willing to spend the energies of their mind and body to advance the cause of Lutheranism, which is the cause of God.

As there is much missionary ground within the bounds of our Synod, I would recommend the appointment of a pious, discreet Missionary, whose duty it shall be to collect our scattered members, and organize new congregations, the materials for which are very abundant. Among the publications in our Church, there are two that have peculiar claims on us, and deserve to be fostered by our church members. The former, edited by the Reverend B. Kurtz, is designed to advance vital piety, and give to its readers the most authentic information of the doings of our churches in America and Europe. The latter, a monthly publication, edited by the Reverend L. Eichelberger, containing a collection of truly evangelical sermons, by living ministers, calculated to enlighten the mind, correct the heart, and purify the feelings of the reader. I need not apprize my brethren, who understand the German language, that we have more theological and devotional books than any other denomination of christians. But the day has at length arrived that we can recommend to our English readers An Elementary Course of Biblical Theology, translated from the Works of Professor's Storr and Flatt, with additions, by S. S. Schumucker, D. D. By the same author, Elements of Popular Theology, with special reference to the doctrines of the Reformation, as avowed before the Diet at Augsburg, in 1530. Arudt's True Christi-

anity, translated from the German, by ihe Rev. J. N. Hoffman, is a valuable work, and cannot be too highly recommended. The Catechuman's and Communicant's Companion, by a Pastor of our Church, is also a most valuable work, and should be in the possession of every member of our Church.

Conference meetings have been held in many of our churches during the year, and, so far as my information extends, they were profitable to our churches and people. And I cannot forbear to say, let us continue those meetings which we have found so effectual in building up our Church. Let the Gospel be faithfully preached at those meetings, for we have learned, both from observation and experience, that those means which the God of Heaven himself has appointed, are quite sufficient, in themselves, for the accomplishment of his own work. Let us always be on our guard, least we should, at any time, substitnte the wisdom of man for the wisdom of God. Let the truth, as it is in Jesus, be diligently set forth, and faithfully urged upon our people, and God will, beyond a doubt, continue to bless us with revivals of true and evangelical religion. Sunday Schools, and Prayer Meetings, are increasing within the bounds of this Synod, and every minister should earnestly represent their usefulness to his people, and then we may cherish the pleasing anticipation that they shall continue to increase until they exist throughout our churches. In conclusion, I would invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon all our deliberations, and may the Great Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, grant that this our present meeting be for good. May that wisdom which is from above enlighten our minds, enlarge our views, and aid and prosper all our proceedings. May the true, the undefiled Religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, be abundantly increased and spread, by our united and individual endeavors, to the honor and glory of our God, and the salvation of many immortal and precious souls. Amen.